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REMARKS

Applicant respectfully requests the Examiner to consider the above-captioned application in view of the foregoing amendments and the following comments. As a result of the amendments set forth above, Claims 56-81 remain pending. Claims 1-55 have been cancelled.

Although cancellations have been made, no acquiescence or estoppel is or should be implied thereby. Rather, the cancellations are made only to expedite prosecution of the present application, and without prejudice to presentation or assertion, in the future, of claims on the subject matter affected thereby.

Priority Claim

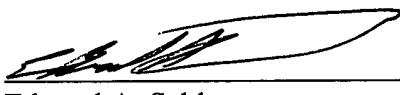
As noted in paragraph 0001 of the specification, this application is a continuation-in-part of U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 10/274,418, filed October 16, 2002, titled RETRACTABLE VEHICLE STEP. Although the above-mentioned Application Serial No. 10/274,418 claims the benefit of U.S. Provisional Patent Applications Serial Nos. 60/350,129 and 60/404,353, no claim of benefit is made in the present application to either of the above-mentioned provisional applications.

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